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tr.v. **de·duced**, **de·duc·ing**, **de·duc·es**

1. To reach (a conclusion) by reasoning.
2. To infer from a general principle; reason deductively: *deduced from the laws of physics that the new airplane would fly.*
3. To trace the origin or derivation of.

[Middle English *deducen*, from Latin *dēducere*, to lead away or down : *dē-*, *de-* + *dūcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de·duc i·ble *adj.*

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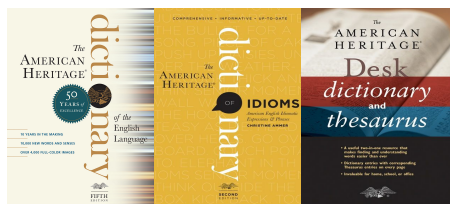
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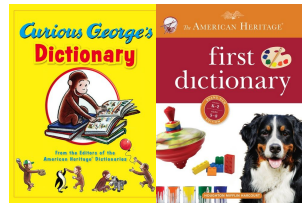
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